

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 7th, 2025

Welcome all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leaders of Worship..... Rev. Max Martin
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Collette Peng
Anthem..... United Church Church Choir
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Scripture Readings..... Chris Seymour
Tellers..... Brenda Crozman, Helen Gill
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Carol Dewar, Andrea Purvis

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, September 7th, 2025 – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please join us on-line if you are unable to attend in person.

<https://youtube.com/live/61JVvqkaC-4?feature=share>

Regular Admin Office hours are Mon-Thurs, 8am-12noon.

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Rev. Max - office days: Monday – Thursday

Rev. Gloria – office day: Wednesday

Sept 05	Fri	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices Closed
Sept 06	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Sept 07	Sun	10am 11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Sunday School starts TODAY! Ages 4 – 15! • Outreach will meet following Worship Service in Family Room
Sept 08	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Care meets in Choir Room • Spirit Yoga using back entrance into Sanctuary
Sept 09	Tues	2pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers Shawl will meet in Family Room. <i>Open to all interested in creating shawls, lap robes or red scarves.</i> • Steeple Strummers meet in Sanctuary
Sept 10	Wed	2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Committee meets in Family Room
Sept 11	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group will meet in Choir Room • Games Social meets in Family Room • Choir Rehearsal
Sept 12	Fri	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices Closed

		8:30am	• Women's Friday Morning Breakfast
Sept 13	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting
Sept 14	Sun	10am	• Worship Service

Please visit our website at www.orchardvalleyunited.ca for online Worship Services and much more!

Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL change:
Please use: treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca

If you would like to Volunteer with Centre 130 during the extreme weather time with Open Arms either making meals or as a general volunteer, please leave your name with the office. Working with the vulnerable population *does require police and child abuse registry checks*. These can be arranged if you are interested. Thank you for helping to house the unhoused.

Tea Collective – Wednesday, September 17th at 10:30am

Please join us for “Grounding with Nature Art” presented by Heather Gray, *M. Ed, RCT, CCC* – Registered Counseling Therapist

Please bring along: a pen or pencil and 10-15 nature items: leaves, twigs, moss, flowers, rocks, shells, herbs, seaweed, acorns, pine cones... anything that you are drawn to as you wander around your garden or local park or beach.

Road Trip to Neptune Theatre in Halifax for the 2:00 p.m. performance of “Come From Away” and return on May 16, 2026.
 If you are interested in such an adventure, the cost will be \$105.00 per person for transportation and the show. Registration/Payment is necessary now to secure the theatre tickets and the charter bus with

down payments. On May 16, 2026, we will gather at 10am at Orchard Valley United Church to depart on a full size coach at 10:30am and return around 6pm. The trip includes a stop for lunch at May Garden Restaurant on the Bedford Highway; but this meal is NOT included in the trip fee. We are limited to 65 people and payment is needed to reserve your spot (first come first serve). For OV members registration/payment may be made in the family room following church services on September 14th, 21st and 28th or left at the church office marked "Neptune Trip 2026". Registration will be offered to OVUC for three weeks before opening it to others outside the congregation. Once all seats are taken, a 'Wait List' will be started. For more information, please contact Gail Gordon, Joy Waterbury or Donna Murphy.

Seeking a Church Pianist for Choir Practice and Sunday Service -

Our wonderful pianist, Carmen Peng, has an opportunity to study abroad for the fall semester, so we are seeking a replacement for September to December 2025. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested or know someone who could be!

Orchard Valley United Church in New Minas requires an experienced pianist to accompany the choir and lead service music on Sundays, September through December 2025. Working with the Choir Director, the pianist will choose only prelude, centering, offertory and postlude music. Hymns and choir music are chosen by the minister and choir director. Practice is weekly on Thursdays (7-8:30pm) and Sunday service requires the pianist from 9:15-11am. Please contact the church office at admin@orchardvalleyunitedchurch.ca or 902-681-0366 with expressions of interest.

*** OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Program –**

For more information on the program please speak to Cecil White, Bruce Tymchuk, or Ian Godfrey.

Schedule:

Sept 07 – Orders Arrive

Sept 14 – Place Orders

Sept 21 – Orders Arrive

Subscribe to OVUC's YouTube Channel – Did you know we have a YouTube Channel? Simply select the 'Subscribe' button the next time you are watching one of our videos or during the Live Streamed Worship Service. (Please note that you must have a Google account in order to subscribe.)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFW4VOpk_znrA5qevOqCr9Q

Video Recorded Worship Services – Please view our weekly posted video recorded services by going to our webpage and clicking on "Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages".

Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group – Hope Al-Anon is a fellowship that offers help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics. ***The group meets at OVUC on Thursdays, 10-11am and can also be accessed by using FONGO for phone meetings.*** To enter the meeting, call 1-902-932-1200 and enter 902-932-7986#. For more information about Al-Anon visit www.al-anonmaritimes.ca or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

Community Events

NA Meetings – Narcotics Anonymous will be holding meetings each week at OVUC: Saturdays at 8pm. For more info, please visit:

<https://carna.ca> or 1-902-789-8323

The Outreach project that provides volunteers to assist at the Breakfast Program at Glooscap Elementary School in Canning is in need of a new volunteer.

If you like to get up early (we have to be at the school by 7:15 a.m. and are done about 8:15 a.m.), make toast and give kids a cheery "Good morning", then this is the volunteer opportunity for you!

There are a number of churches who provide volunteers, so we usually have 5 turns during the school year. If we get another volunteer everyone will only have to work 2 of the 5 mornings each our 4 assigned weeks during the school year.

Please contact Sylvia Jacquard at sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca if you are interested or have any questions.

Invitation: Seniors for Climate Action – DRAW THE LINE

Rev Dr Shepherd Munikwa – Minister for Justice Mission & Outreach – UCC East

Beloved friends,

In every generation, God calls forth witnesses to justice, compassion, and care for creation. Today, that calling rests upon us. The earth, our common home, groans under the weight of exploitation and neglect (Romans 8:22). Yet we are not without hope. For the Spirit still breathes renewal, and the wisdom of elders, seasoned by life, faith, and perseverance can shine as a prophetic light in this urgent hour. Earlier this year, on Earth Day, we gathered in hope. Now, through our documentary *Later is Too Late*, we have sounded the alarm. And in September, we will stand together, elders drawing the line for life, dignity, and the flourishing of creation.

We invite you to join [Seniors for Climate Action](#), for the historic DRAW THE LINE mobilization on September 20, 2025. This is the largest

gathering of seniors in Canadian history for the sake of climate justice. This movement is not only about policy or politics; it is a sacred act of stewardship, rooted in the biblical call to “seek the welfare of the land” (Jeremiah 29:7) and to love our neighbors, including the generations yet unborn. Check the posters for actual date and time for your local gathering. Click [here](#) to view the Seniors for Climate Tantramar Facebook page.

Come, add your voice, your presence, your prayer, and your wisdom. Let us rise with courage, knowing that in Christ all things can be made new (Revelation 21:5). Together, we can bear witness that faith does not end with words but takes form in action, for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and the future of all God’s creatures. You can view the poster [here](#) for more information.

Later is too late. The time is now. Join us.

Annapolis Valley Quakers are hosting Friends Peace Team members from Rwanda, Tuesday September 9th at 6pm for a potluck supper and presentation in the Acadia Chapel lower level. All are welcome! Please spread the word!! *Many years ago our Meeting was inspired by a visit from a peacemaker from Rwanda, and now have David Bucura and Rachel Bugenimana visiting and sharing stories and invite you to join them to be inspired!*

The Kings Kikima Grannies will be holding their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 13th, 8-1:30 at the Wolfville Lions Club. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you have things you would like to donate, they can be dropped off Friday, September 12th between 12 noon and 6pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Fundy Food Bank - Do you enjoy knitting or know someone that does?! With your support, we hope to provide mittens, hats and scarves for children of families we serve each month.

Please contact us at fundyfoodbank2020@gmail.com or (902) 679-3664 if you can help us.

The knitted items can be dropped off on Wednesday, Nov 12th from 8:00am to 10:30am or Thursday, Nov 13th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at our Food Bank, 50 Belcher St. Kentville.

We are so thankful for your ongoing donations and volunteer support.